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To my incredible wife, children, family and friends.  
Thank you for putting up with my silly obsession.

To the Budzinski family: May Julia's memory be a blessing.

It began under the opportunistic skies of Dunedin, Florida. It began later than usual.

A lockout initiated by Commissioner Rob Manfred and Major League Baseball's 30 owners delayed Spring Training and cancelled the first two series of the regular season. However, owners and players settled on a new collective bargaining agreement and a full 162-game schedule was reinstated.

It began with additions: Kevin Gausman, Matt Chapman, Yusei Kikuchi; and subtractions: Robbie Ray, Steven Matz, Marcus Semien.

It began with high expectations after the 2021 Blue Jays missed the playoffs by one game. Assurances were fueled by the star slugger's suggestion that 2022 would be akin to a Hollywood blockbuster.

Fans gathered en masse for the first home opener *at home* since 2019. The excitement was palpable. "This could be the year" was the primary thought and unlike previous seasons, it had merit.

It began...

# ***Regular Season***

**Game 1: April 8**  
**Blue Jays 10 Rangers 8**

Comeback fuelled by the  
bat and feet of Teoscar  
erased the gross start

**Game 2: April 9**  
**Blue Jays 4 Rangers 3**

Gausman did his part  
Bo and Espinal did theirs  
Bullpen held the fort

**Game 3: April 10**  
**Rangers 12 Blue Jays 6**

Gorgeous beginning  
but the middle and ending  
was quite disastrous

**Game 4: April 11**  
**Blue Jays 3 Yankees 0**

Alek led the way  
backed by defence as graceful  
as movement on stage

**Game 5: April 12**  
**Yankees 4 Blue Jays 0**

Poor performances  
from multiple sources yield  
a lousy result

**Game 6: April 13**  
**Blue Jays 6 Yankees 4**

Powerful Vladdy  
Cole could only tip his cap  
Wound merely a scratch

**Game 7: April 14**  
**Yankees 3 Blue Jays 0**

Gausman pitched to win  
His teammates performed poorly  
and need to repent

**Game 8: April 15**  
**Blue Jays 4 Athletics 1**

What Stripling started  
was finished by Romano  
A toast to Jackie

**Game 9: April 16**  
**Athletics 7 Blue Jays 5**

Rough day for Ryu  
Debatable strike three calls  
Bad luck all around

**Game 10: April 17**  
**Blue Jays 4 Athletics 3**

Thinking about Buck  
going to war with cancer  
as we march forward

**Game 11: April 19**  
**Red Sox 2 Blue Jays 1**

The routine ground ball  
was anything but routine  
Error proved costly

**Game 12: April 20**  
**Blue Jays 6 Red Sox 1**

Surprising homerun  
from the unlikely bat of  
Raimel Tapia

**Game 13: April 21**  
**Blue Jays 3 Red Sox 2**

Fenway provided  
the beautiful setting for  
impressive pitching

**Game 14: April 22**  
**Blue Jays 4 Astros 3**

Vladdy flies around  
the bases majestically  
like a free stallion

**Game 15: April 23**  
**Blue Jays 3 Astros 2**

Espinal and his  
vast Herculean muscles  
capture victory



**Game 16: April 24**  
**Astros 8 Blue Jays 7**

This beautiful sport  
was simply barbaric to  
Jordan Romano

**Game 17: April 25**  
**Blue Jays 6 Red Sox 2**

Classic Bo Bichette  
Always swinging potently  
Grand Slam eruption

**Game 18: April 26**  
**Blue Jays 6 Red Sox 5**

Four late runs allowed  
Boston was ready to win  
George Springer said "no"

**Game 19: April 27**  
**Red Sox 7 Blue Jays 1**

The finest moment  
was the first big league hit from  
journeyman Kato

**Game 20: April 28**  
**Blue Jays 1 Red Sox 0**

Day off for Vladdy  
but Alek was not bothered  
Masterpiece pitching

**Game 21: April 29**  
**Astros 11 Blue Jays 7**

Plenty of offence  
yet ineffective pitching  
produced gross defeat

**Game 22: April 30**  
**Blue Jays 2 Astros 1**

Gorgeous George Springer  
swung his mighty baton twice  
making the lights dance

*Record: 14-8*

**Game 23: May 1**  
**Blue Jays 3 Astros 2**

Splitter from Gausman  
reduces Houston to dirt  
as Bo salts their earth

**Game 24: May 2**  
**Yankees 3 Blue Jays 2**

When the victory  
served up front on gold platters  
is ignored and missed

**Game 25: May 3**  
**Yankees 9 Blue Jays 1**

The seventh inning  
brought misplays and a blown call  
Truly hideous

**Game 26: May 4**  
**Blue Jays 2 Yankees 1**

Angry Aaron Boone  
unleashes fire after  
getting ejected

**Game 27: May 5**  
**Guardians 6 Blue Jays 5**

They climbed the mountain  
only to fall off before  
reaching the summit

**Game 28: May 7 (Game One)**  
**Blue Jays 8 Guardians 3**

The dormant offence  
roused itself after slumber  
providing support

**Game 29: May 7 (Game Two)**  
**Guardians 8 Blue Jays 2**

Teoscar returned  
The only positive note  
from the ugly loss

**Game 30: May 8**  
**Guardians 4 Blue Jays 3**

The struggling offence  
triggers the angry fanbase  
causing loud panic

**Game 31: May 10**  
**Yankees 6 Blue Jays 5**

Much adversity  
and theatrics were conquered  
until judgement roared

**Game 32: May 11**  
**Yankees 5 Blue Jays 3**

Runners left on base  
Yankee Stadium specials  
Ample frustration

**Game 33: May 13**  
**Rays 5 Blue Jays 2**

Fitting that Friday  
united with the thirteenth  
as bad luck hit hard

**Game 34: May 14**  
**Blue Jays 5 Rays 1**

Tie match moved briskly  
until the eighth inning when  
fireworks went off

**Game 35: May 15**  
**Rays 3 Blue Jays 0**

How does a ballpark  
named after sweet orange juice  
stimulate nightmares?

**Game 36: May 16**  
**Blue Jays 6 Mariners 2**

Expansion cousins  
opposed their former teammate  
and were defeated

**Game 37: May 17**  
**Blue Jays 3 Mariners 0**

The second inning  
ultimately presented  
the tale of the match

**Game 38: May 18**  
**Mariners 5 Blue Jays 1**

There are times when the  
defeat is just a bad day  
on the plan of life

**Game 39: May 20**  
**Blue Jays 2 Reds 1**

Foolish to assume  
that last place Cincinnati  
surrenders with haste

**Game 40: May 21**  
**Blue Jays 3 Reds 1**

Honouring Bichette  
shower of electrolytes  
drenching Hazel Mae

**Game 41: May 22**  
**Reds 3 Blue Jays 2**

Prime Joey Votto  
Etobicoke's favourite son  
wins on home soil

**Game 42: May 23**  
**Cardinals 7 Blue Jays 3**

This painful defeat  
akin to fire on flesh  
was preventable

**Game 43: May 24**  
**Blue Jays 8 Cardinals 1**

Offensive outburst  
craved by team and worshippers  
finally arrived

**Game 44: May 26**  
**Blue Jays 6 Angels 3**

They did not fear him  
Legendary Ohtani  
home runs and strikeouts

**Game 45: May 27**  
**Blue Jays 4 Angels 3**

The fundamentals  
of this game decided to  
take the evening off

**Game 46: May 28**  
**Blue Jays 6 Angels 5**

Early morning time  
Stripling records the last out  
Drama concluded

**Game 47: May 29**  
**Blue Jays 11 Angels 10**

Quality pitching  
Absent in Orange County  
Fireworks present

**Game 48: May 31**  
**Blue Jays 6 White Sox 5**

Everyone loves Kirk  
Two magnificent home runs  
Power built to thrill

*Record: 28-20 (14-12)*



**Game 49: June 1**  
**Blue Jays 7 White Sox 3**

Electric home runs  
assist us in forgetting  
the stressful moments

**Game 50: June 2**  
**Blue Jays 8 White Sox 3**

Stormy skies at first  
Alek navigated course  
Magical pitching

**Game 51: June 3**  
**Twins 9 Blue Jays 3**

Disadvantaged Twins  
Surprising pit bulls disguised  
as weak underdogs

**Game 52: June 4**  
**Blue Jays 12 Twins 3**

Dreaded shaky start  
Berrios would recover  
Thirteen sweet strikeouts

**Game 53: June 5**  
**Twins 8 Blue Jays 6**

The red uniforms  
Worn on this random Sunday  
Agents of bad luck

**Game 54: June 6**  
**Blue Jays 8 Royals 0**

Odd weather delay  
did not affect Stripling or  
his earnest teammates

**Game 55: June 7**  
**Blue Jays 7 Royals 0**

At every moment  
Kirk or Bichette stood on base  
viewing Missouri

**Game 56: June 8**  
**Royals 8 Blue Jays 4**

Lousy afternoon  
from the stadium rubber  
was royally felt

**Game 57: June 10**  
**Blue Jays 10 Tigers 1**

Not even the rain  
would stop the pitching or bats  
or those from Windsor

**Game 58: June 11**  
**Tigers 3 Blue Jays 1**

Moreno arrived  
but the gas tank was empty  
Only one run scored

**Game 59: June 12**  
**Blue Jays 6 Tigers 0**

Nine shutout innings  
from the man called "Chicken Strip"  
and the bullpen crew

**Game 60: June 13**  
**Blue Jays 11 Orioles 1**

Exclamation mark  
An object turned into dust  
Dejected pitcher

**Game 61: June 14**  
**Orioles 6 Blue Jays 5**

Locating pitches  
performed the defeating role  
Offence falling short

**Game 62: June 15**  
**Blue Jays 7 Orioles 6**

Vladdy saved the day  
avoiding true disaster  
Thank you Brandon Hyde

**Game 63: June 16**  
**Orioles 10 Blue Jays 2**

Harrowing Gausman  
Rare error from Espinal  
Awful third inning

**Game 64: June 17**  
**Yankees 12 Blue Jays 3**

Powerful Yankees  
Home runs void of compassion  
Awful fifth inning

**Game 65: June 18**  
**Yankees 4 Blue Jays 0**

Frustrating Yankees  
Not even the red jerseys  
could derail their streak

**Game 66: June 19**  
**Blue Jays 10 Yankees 9**

Bleak situation  
Bat flips from big swings change course  
Dramatic fashion

**Game 67: June 20**  
**White Sox 8 Blue Jays 7**

The comeback fell short  
Pitching trouble on Southside  
Unable to fix

**Game 68: June 21**  
**White Sox 7 Blue Jays 6**

Deflating defeat  
Many reasons to ponder  
Four hours in length

**Game 69: June 22**  
**Blue Jays 9 White Sox 5**

Ejection before  
the afternoon match begins  
preluding the win

**Game 70: June 24**  
**Blue Jays 9 Brewers 4**

Manoah and Kirk  
eclipsed Wisconsin's talent  
and refused to wane

**Game 71: June 25**  
**Brewers 5 Blue Jays 4**

Kikuchi struggled  
Fielding error did not help  
Not enough late runs

**Game 72: June 26**  
**Brewers 10 Blue Jays 3**

Berrios struggled  
Rowdy fulfilled his revenge  
Concern everywhere

**Game 73: June 27**  
**Blue Jays 7 Red Sox 2**

Kevin struck out ten  
Electrifying home runs  
Refreshing result

**Game 74: June 28**  
**Blue Jays 6 Red Sox 5**

After Kirk reached base  
Vladdy told his manager  
he would seize the win

**Game 75: June 29**  
**Red Sox 6 Blue Jays 5**

The Struggling bullpen  
Phelps nor Mayza held the fort  
No magic this night

**Game 76: June 30**  
**Blue Jays 4 Rays 1**

Kikuchi stood firm  
as everyone doubted him  
Six gorgeous innings

*Record: 43-33 (15-13)*

**Game 77: July 1**  
**Blue Jays 9 Rays 2**

The nation's birthday  
Five doubles in one inning  
Blast from Gurriel

**Game 78: July 2 (Game One)**  
**Rays 6 Blue Jays 2**

Missile strikes ankle  
Injured Gausman yields to fear  
Fate of series changed

**Game 79: July 2 (Game Two)**  
**Rays 11 Blue Jays 5**

Rare Saturday night  
Hatch cannot stop the onslaught  
Cursed red threads at play

**Game 80: July 3**  
**Rays 7 Blue Jays 3**

Sadness and sorrow  
Taking the field and grieving  
Score did not matter

**Game 81: July 4**  
**Athletics 5 Blue Jays 1**

Independence Day  
Offence weak like fireworks  
soaking in water

**Game 82: July 5**  
**Athletics 5 Blue Jays 3**

Location issues  
visibly plague Kikuchi  
as anger rises

**Game 83: July 6**  
**Blue Jays 2 Athletics 1**

Chapman knows Oakland  
He sends a ball to the seats  
Bragging rights secured

**Game 84: July 7**  
**Mariners 8 Blue Jays 3**

The freak occurrence  
of ball deflecting off glove  
and over the wall

**Game 85: July 8**  
**Mariners 5 Blue Jays 2**

The vacant offence  
left poor Romo out to dry  
against his old club

**Game 86: July 9**  
**Mariners 2 Blue Jays 1**

Alek and Robbie  
Former teammates turned rivals  
Tight pants succeeded



**Game 87: July 10**  
**Mariners 6 Blue Jays 5**

Routine plays not made  
Glove breaks for the second time  
Swept in Seattle

**Game 88: July 12**  
**Blue Jays 4 Phillies 3**

Graceful George Springer  
Soaring in air peacefully  
Spectacular catch

**Game 89: July 13**  
**Blue Jays 8 Phillies 2**

First game for Schneider  
Handsome pitching and hitting  
Statement clearly made

**Game 90: July 14**  
**Royals 3 Blue Jays 1**

Lacking regulars  
mystical Royals baffle  
the offence and fans

**Game 91: July 15**  
**Blue Jays 8 Royals 1**

Chapman slashes air  
Obliterated baseball  
Second deck landing

**Game 92: July 16**  
**Blue Jays 6 Royals 5**

Defeat imminent  
when Yogi Berra magic  
came honourably

**Game 93: July 17**  
**Blue Jays 4 Royals 2**

Superstar slugger  
broke the deadlock brilliantly  
Fly to Hollywood

**Game 94: July 22**  
**Blue Jays 28 Red Sox 5**

Fenway adventure  
Grand slam blessed with good fortune  
Fly Tapia Fly

**Game 95: July 23**  
**Blue Jays 4 Red Sox 1**

Alek is in charge  
Do not challenge his presence  
Walk away head down

**Game 96: July 24**  
**Blue Jays 8 Red Sox 4**

Multiple errors  
makes Cora stoic and lost  
as brooms sweep away

**Game 97: July 26**  
**Blue Jays 10 Cardinals 3**

Buck came home today  
Greeted with love and applause  
Gifted with home runs

**Game 98: July 27**  
**Cardinals 6 Blue Jays 1**

Treat to watch Pujols  
Shame he went yard on Richards  
Legend seals the win

**Game 99: July 28**  
**Blue Jays 5 Tigers 3**

Two scoops for Chapman  
Enough to hold off Detroit  
Will Geroge be alright?

**Game 100: July 29**  
**Tigers 4 Blue Jays 2**

Missile strikes elbow  
Switch injury with insult  
Forget this outcome

**Game 101: July 30**  
**Blue Jays 5 Tigers 3**

Pure satisfaction  
when Teoscar dropped his bat  
capturing the lead

**Game 102: July 31**  
**Blue Jays 4 Tigers 1**

Machine went to work  
showing his best on Peacock  
and to relatives

*Record: 57-45 (14-12)*

**Game 103: August 2**  
**Blue Jays 3 Rays 1**

Kevin grabbed a brush  
and painted a beautiful  
well-pitched masterpiece

**Game 104: August 3**  
**Rays 3 Blue Jays 2**

The lunchtime special  
of baseball and orange juice  
lacked sweet victory

**Game 105: August 4**  
**Blue Jays 9 Twins 3**

Alek was not hurt  
Outstretched hand informs dugout  
Nation feels relief

**Game 106: August 5**  
**Twins 6 Blue Jays 5**

Heartbreaking affair  
Comeback victory in reach  
Misplays cause defeat

**Game 107: August 6**  
**Twins 7 Blue Jays 3**

Tim sacrifices  
his body for the great cause  
unsuccessfully

**Game 108: August 7**  
**Blue Jays 3 Twins 2**

Sanchez blocked the plate  
Call was overturned off-site  
Successful challenge

**Game 109: August 8**  
**Orioles 7 Blue Jays 4**

Kikuchi struggles  
Fans demand his removal  
Schneider disagrees

**Game 110: August 9**  
**Orioles 6 Blue Jays 5**

Bullpen and Odor  
ruined two homers from Bo  
after the rain fell

**Game 111: August 12**  
**Guardians 8 Blue Jays 0**

Please help me forget  
what developed in this match  
and its final score

**Game 112: August 13**  
**Blue Jays 2 Guardians 1**

White to Romano  
All guarding the Guardians  
Victory achieved

**Game 113: August 14**  
**Guardians 7 Blue Jays 2**

The summer darkness  
leads to frustration online  
and needless attacks

**Game 114: August 15**  
**Orioles 7 Blue Jays 3**

Kikuchi exits  
Angry mob armed with torches  
demand removal

**Game 115: August 16**  
**Orioles 4 Blue Jays 2**

Early excitement  
becomes anger and despair  
Joy faded away

**Game 116: August 17**  
**Blue Jays 6 Orioles 1**

Six perfect innings  
Sensational Stripling start  
Ripe offence explodes

**Game 117: August 18**  
**Blue Jays 9 Yankees 2**

Vladdy offered praise  
to the famous right field porch  
and was rewarded

**Game 118: August 19**  
**Blue Jays 4 Yankees 0**

Kevin was the star  
on Apple Television  
Local listings checked

**Game 119: August 20**  
**Blue Jays 5 Yankees 2**

Mitch is our new friend  
Brought his parents to the Bronx  
Held his position

**Game 120: August 21**  
**Yankees 4 Blue Jays 2**

The Audi logo  
was the demarcation line  
for Alek and Cole

**Game 121: August 23**  
**Blue Jays 9 Red Sox 3**

Eight runs with two outs  
occurred in the third inning  
of Bradley's return

**Game 122: August 24**  
**Blue Jays 3 Red Sox 2**

George took advantage  
of the opportunity  
and the green monster



**Game 123: August 25**  
**Blue Jays 6 Red Sox 5**

Playing with matches  
Walking away with small burns  
and the Fenway sweep

**Game 124: August 26**  
**Angels 12 Blue Jays 0**

Arrival at dawn  
Batting practice was cancelled  
Unsurprising Score

**Game 125: August 27**  
**Angels 2 Blue Jays 0**

Celebrated past  
Pitching duel for the present  
Vicious Ohtani

**Game 126: August 28**  
**Angels 8 Blue Jays 3**

Schneider was angry  
at missed opportunities  
and lack of focus

**Game 127: August 29**  
**Blue Jays 5 Cubs 4**

Darkness all around  
until Danny used his bat  
to create sunshine

**Game 128: August 30**  
**Blue Jays 5 Cubs 3**

Stroman on the mound  
Left satisfied with the lead  
Watched it disappear

**Game 129: August 31**  
**Cubs 7 Blue Jays 5**

Another comeback  
encouraged by quiet Kirk  
fell short of the mark

*Record: 70-59 (13-15)*

**Game 130: September 2**  
**Blue Jays 4 Pirates 0**

Where three rivers meet  
Alek executes his craft  
for those who wear blue

**Game 131: September 3**  
**Blue Jays 4 Pirates 1**

Bullpen day announced  
Holding the fort long enough  
for Bichette magic

**Game 132: September 4**  
**Blue Jays 4 Pirates 3**

There are victories  
worthy of space in textbooks  
This triumph was not

**Game 133: September 5 (Game One)**  
**Blue Jays 7 Orioles 3**

Old home for Kevin  
Striking out orange hitters  
Conquering the balk

**Game 134: September 5 (Game Two)**  
**Blue Jays 8 Orioles 4**

Hats released en masse  
Honouring Bichette's output  
Two wins in one day

**Game 135: September 6**  
**Orioles 9 Blue Jays 6**

Camden Yards chaos  
Poor pitching and frustration  
tell the rough story

**Game 136: September 7**  
**Blue Jays 4 Orioles 1**

True ace of the staff  
Alek provided eight frames  
for grateful teammates

**Game 137: September 9**  
**Blue Jays 4 Rangers 3**

Homecoming for Ross  
Backed by unearthly Bichette  
and hero Danny

**Game 138: September 10**  
**Blue Jays 11 Rangers 7**

Ball dances on leg  
Finds home inside Mayza's glove  
Third out recorded

**Game 139: September 11**  
**Rangers 4 Blue Jays 1**

Bullpen day returned  
Results were underwhelming  
Forget and forward

**Game 140: September 12**  
**Blue Jays 3 Rays 2**

Bo the glorious  
Great heroics yet again  
Thunder from the seats

**Game 141: September 13 (Game One)**  
**Rays 4 Blue Jays 2**

Third inning follies  
clinched the outcome of the match  
despite late drama

**Game 142: September 13 (Game Two)**  
**Blue Jays 7 Rays 2**

Bleak outlook well versed  
until Merrifield stepped up  
and changed the channel

**Game 143: September 14**  
**Blue Jays 5 Rays 1**

Centennial mark  
for home runs was achieved by  
Superstar Vladdy

**Game 144: September 15**  
**Rays 11 Blue Jays 0**

An afternoon tale  
of missed opportunities  
and two rough innings

**Game 145: September 16**  
**Blue Jays 6 Orioles 3**

Chapman homered twice  
A three-run blast from Springer  
Bullpen day success

**Game 146: September 17**  
**Blue Jays 6 Orioles 3**

Was much to Marvel  
Playing like superheroes  
Red brought victory

**Game 147: September 18**  
**Orioles 5 Blue Jays 4**

Even the best arms  
have imperfect moments that  
lead to harsh losses

**Game 148: September 20**  
**Blue Jays 18 Phillies 11**

Mastercraft pitching  
was not present with the score  
Akin to football

**Game 149: September 21**  
**Phillies 4 Blue Jays 3**

Bad luck fell upon  
the bullpen late in the night  
causing much anger

**Game 150: September 22**

**Rays 10 Blue Jays 5**

Awful pitching night  
Berrios discourse grows loud  
Panicked opinions

**Game 151: September 23**

**Rays 10 Blue Jays 6**

Was just like boxing  
Two bad blows but recovered  
Knocked out in the eighth

**Game 152: September 24**

**Blue Jays 3 Rays 1**

Everything on edge  
Whit Merrifield saved the day  
Home run of the year

**Game 153: September 25**

**Blue Jays 7 Rays 1**

Home runs on Sunday  
pause Tampa stadium curse  
earning series split

**Game 154: September 26**

**Blue Jays 3 Yankees 2**

Theatrics displayed  
Electrolytes soak Vladdy  
We live in his house

**Game 155: September 27**  
**Yankees 5 Blue Jays 2**

Yesterday's hero  
commits inexcusable  
baserunning mistake

**Game 156: September 28**  
**Yankees 8 Blue Jays 3**

Forget the record  
Great Judge took back momentum  
Prize slips through fingers

**Game 157: September 30**  
**Blue Jays 9 Red Sox 0**

Playoff ticket punched  
Defeating Boston followed  
Sweet clubhouse party

*Record: 88-69 (18-10)*



**Game 158: October 1**  
**Blue Jays 10 Red Sox 0**

Night of partying  
did not affect the talent  
or final outcome

**Game 159: October 2**  
**Blue Jays 6 Red Sox 3**

Final dance at home  
Fireworks from Teoscar  
No sign of blister

**Game 160: October 3**  
**Blue Jays 5 Orioles 1**

The wet conditions  
could not arrest Merrifield  
until the eighth frame

**Game 161: October 5 (Game One)**  
**Orioles 5 Blue Jays 4**

Meaningless result  
but memorable game for  
Gabby and Otto

**Game 162: October 5 (Game Two)**  
**Blue Jays 5 Orioles 1**

Season conclusion  
The Wild Card round established  
Postseason ready

*Final Record: 92-70 (4-1)*

*Second in the American League East, seven games behind the first-place New York Yankees. Captured the top Wild Card spot in the AL.*

# ***Wild Card Round***

**Game 1: October 7**  
**Mariners 4 Blue Jays 0**

Dejected Alek  
processes his performance  
and valued lessons

**Game 2: October 8**  
**Mariners 10 Blue Jays 9**

Shocking implosion  
turns the beautiful setting  
into tragedy

*Seattle wins 2-0*

It ended shockingly. Two games, two losses. One defeat was unfortunate, while the other was excruciating.

Stunned silence swept over the stadium as the shortstop and center fielder lay motionless on the field. It was a collision that ultimately guaranteed an early postseason exit.

It ended after a change in management midway through the season. Mr. Montoyo had gone as far as he could, but it seemed - reportedly - confidence in him was nil.

It ended following many ebbs and flows. Aggravation and ecstasy took multiple turns in the zeitgeist. Can anyone be blamed for feeling worn out?

It ended with bitterness, but the team and fanbase carry on.

It ended...

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